AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A splined component for transmitting torque comprising:
a main body of formable metal and having a longitudinal axis;
a plurality of spaced apart splines of formable metal being generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of and extending from said main body and being projections on said main body that cooperate with slots on a splined outer surface of a corresponding shaft enabling cooperative rotation; and
a plurality of ~~small~~ raised portions of said formable metal extending away from said main body and being generally parallel to the axis of said main body, each of said raised portions having a cross-sectional area less than a cross-sectional area of each of said spaced apart splines, at least one of said raised portions adapted to contact the splined outer surface of ~~a corresponding body~~ the corresponding shaft and having sufficient material to permit at least one of a removal and a deformation of a portion of the at least one raised portion upon contact of the at least one raised portion with the splined outer surface of the corresponding shaft to maintain contact between the splined component and the corresponding shaft, wherein said splines, raised portions, and the main body of the splined component are integral and homogenous.

2. (Original) The component defined in Claim 1 wherein said main body is hollow.

3. (Original) The component defined in Claim 2 wherein said splines extend inwardly.

4. (Previously Presented) The component defined in Claim 3 wherein said raised portions are uninterrupted.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) The component defined in Claim 1 wherein the formable metal of said body, said splines, and said raised portions is an aluminum alloy.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a splined component for transmitting torque including the steps of:

providing a hollow workpiece of metal having a longitudinal axis;

forming longitudinally extending spaced apart splines on the hollow workpiece wherein each of the splines is provided with at least one raised ridge extending substantially the length thereof; and

subsequently reducing the cross-section of the ridge of said spline to meet predetermined tolerances.

9. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 8 wherein the hollow workpiece is cup shaped.

10. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 9 wherein the cup shaped workpiece includes a continuous side wall having an inner and an outer surface.

11. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 10 wherein the splines are formed on the inner surface of the workpiece.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a component having an annular axially extending cylindrical surface with a plurality of axially extending splines projecting therefrom including the steps of

1) providing a blank of formable material;
2) causing the material of the blank to flow to form an open ended cup shaped body having a continuous side wall surface; and
3) cold forming the side wall surface of the body to produce a plurality of parallel spaced apart splines.

13. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 12 wherein the blank of formable material is provided with an aperture extending therethrough.

14. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 13 wherein the step of causing the material of the blank to flow includes a cooperating punch and die.

15. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 14 wherein the step of cold forming the side wall surface of the body includes the cold forming of the material of the side wall between a mandrel and cooperating forming rollers.

16. (Withdrawn) The method defined in Claim 12 wherein the step of cold forming the side wall surface of the body includes the step of inserting a mandrel into the cup shaped body and directing the body through a plurality of cooperating forming rollers.

17. (Previously Presented) The component defined in Claim 4 wherein said raised portions are disposed between said spaced apart splines.

18. (Previously Presented) The component defined in Claim 4 wherein said raised portions are disposed on the surface of said spaced apart splines.

19. (New) The component defined in Claim 1, wherein the splined outer surface of the corresponding shaft includes a plurality of spaced apart splines, each of the splines radially extending from the corresponding shaft and terminating with a base, and wherein said raised portions are disposed between said spaced apart splines on the splined component, wherein said at least one raised portion is adapted to contact the base of one of said splines of the corresponding shaft.